1	2	3	4	5	6
Scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarship for children of those who are engaged in unclean occupation.	512.50	1460.17	989.22	1080.16	2025.19
Scheme of Central Sector Scheme of Upgradation of Merit of SC Students.	304.63	185.17	176.67	622.29	299.73

Amendments in Persons with Disabilities Act

2883. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI DARA SINGH:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made, so far, in the process of amending the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995, keeping in view the hardships being faced by the disabled persons;

(b) the reasons for the delay in bringing forward the proposed amending Bill before Parliament; and

(c) the action plan chalked out by Government to expedite it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) The Government of India has adopted consultation process with the various stakeholders for amending ''the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995'', There was a demand that the amendment to the Act may be taken up after the UN Convention on Rights of the Persons with Disabilities was finalized. After the UN Convention was signed on 30th March, 2007, the consultation process has been resumed. Three consultation meetings have already been held at Patna, Chennai and Delhi.

Inclusion of Nepali sub-castes in the SC list

†2884. SHRI SAMAN PATHAK: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have information that many sub-castes across the country desire to be included in the list of Scheduled Castes;

(b) whether there are any fixed norms regarding inclusion of any caste or sub-caste in the list of Scheduled Castes;

(c) the names of sub-castes of Nepali Caste which are considered as Scheduled Castes; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.